

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus of a contact image sensor type for reading a light transmitting original ~~by including an adjusting mechanism for moving a contact image sensor unit on a guide rail, the image reading apparatus including a separate adjusting mechanism,~~

wherein a distance from an original surface of the light transmitting original to the contact image sensor unit is adjusted by using the adjusting mechanism to adjust a position of a surface of the guide rail on which the contact image sensor unit moves and, thus, a resolution is held.

2. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the distance from the original surface of the light transmitting original to the contact image sensor unit is adjusted by forming said guide rail to be rotated and cam-shaped.

3. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus of a contact image sensor for reading a light transmitting original and a reflecting sheet original, the light transmitting original and the reflecting sheet original being alternatively positioned by moving a contact image sensor unit on a guide rail, including a lifting mechanism, positioned between the guide rail and the contact image sensor unit, the lifting mechanism being configured to adjust a distance from the contact image sensor unit to an original surface of the light transmitting original and to an original surface of the reflecting sheet original, the lifting mechanism being configured to change a distance between the guide rail and the contact image sensor unit to one of a first predetermined distance and a second predetermined distance corresponding respectively to the light transmitting original and the reflecting sheet original to maintain a resolution of the an image corresponding to the respective light transmitting original or the reflecting sheet original.

4. (Original) An image reading apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said lifting mechanism is a jack mechanism.

5. (Original) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1 or 3, wherein the distance from the original surface of said light transmitting original to the contact image sensor unit is stepwise adjusted.